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THIRD PARTY MAY SOON BE ANNOUNCED

America Firsters Plan to Enter Political Arena in Appeasement Fight

The Hour learns that the America First Committee is contemplating openly announcing the formation of a third party in the immediate future, with the proclaimed objective of keeping the United States out of war and seeking a complete shake-up in the present Administration. The name of America First has been selected for the party. We are reliably informed that the Committee originally planned to announce the formation of this party last week, but certain disagreements regarding the platform of the new political body prevented the announcement from being made.

As early as June 21, 1941, The Hour stated that "key U. S. fascists are working toward the formation of a third party based on the followers of the America First Committee and using its framework." We reported: "The native Quislings say the Democratic and the Republican Parties have bankrupted themselves in the eyes of the American people... the country is now ready for a new political party. ... Orders are about to be issued to AFC locals throughout the country that all branches are to be reorganized according to congressional districts." We also pointed out that America First Party was being considered as the name for the third party. Shortly after our report, the orders for reorganization of local chapters went out from AFC headquarters. Political activity became more open. A number of AFC memoranda began giving instructions regarding political work in congressional areas (see The Hour for October 18).

Support for America First Party

On October 27 the New York Daily News, which has consistently supported the policies of the America First Committee, carried an editorial calling for the formation of an "America First Party." The News, after stating that the two old parties were completely discredited, urged the America First Committee to form a third party, "signifying a philosophy of keeping our noses out of other people's affairs,

especially out of Europe's wars." "The America First Party," the News went on to say, "would most likely recruit most of its strength from the part of the country lying between the Alleghenies in the east and the Rockies in the west. That is our natural, geographic isolationist belt. ... It looks like a sound idea to us. Let the interventionists organize a World First Party to oppose an America First Party, and then let them see how far they get at the 1942 Congressional elections -- IF there are any Congressional elections in 1942."

The News might have more accurately remarked that an America First Party would "recruit most of its strength" from the Fifth Column, anti-democratic and anti-Semitic elements that already make up so great a bulk of the AFC membership. At any rate, it is certain that the America First Party will be joyfully welcomed and ardently supported by the German-American Bund, the Christian Front, the Ku Klux Klan, the Silver Shirts, the Patriots of the Republic and other subversivists who have swarmed into the America First Committee and who have nominated Charles A. Lindbergh to be the Fuehrer of the United States.

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ANTI-NAZI GROUPS PRESS FOR FEDERAL ACTION IN KELLY CASE

A number of anti-Nazi groups in New York City are urging the Federal authorities to undertake a thorough investigation of John Eoghan Kelly, former major in U. S. Army Intelligence and agent for Franco Spain, and of the Spanish Library of Information. Among the groups demanding the investigation are the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, the Friends of Democracy and the New York City Co-ordinating Committee for Democratic Action. PM has also been pressing for Federal action on Kelly, pointing out: "It is true that in this country we have thrown out the Nazi and Italian consular services. But few of us recognize that another system has been installed ... the Spanish Phalanx directed from Madrid at Berlin's bidding ... The Kelly case is of vital importance..."

The career and present activities of John E. Kelly are such that an immediate investigation of his role in pro-Axis agitational propaganda and possibly espionage work is certainly needed.

For some time Kelly has played a major role in the Fifth Column movement in the United States. In 1937 he traveled to Germany and on his return to the United States boasted of having conferred with Heinrich Himmler and other leaders in the Third Reich. Although he did not register with the U. S. State Department as an agent of a foreign government, he entered the employ of the Spanish Library of Information, a propaganda agency taking orders from Nazi-run Franco Spain. He worked closely with pro-fascist admirers of Franco in this country and was instrumental

in the organizing of the American Union for Nationalist Spain. Among his collaborators are such well-known anti-democrats as Father Charles E. Coughlin, Allen Zoll, Seward Collins, John Cecil, and Father Edward Lodge Curran. He has maintained intimate contact with the Christian Front movement and with other subversive organizations. In August, Kelly's commission in the Army Intelligence was taken from him.

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ANGLO-SAXON FEDERATION AND ANTI-SEMITISM

The Anglo-Saxon Federation is distributing a bulletin on its annual convention which took place in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 17 (see *The Hour* for August 30). The "Convention Bulletin" is particularly interesting because of the light it sheds on the anti-Semitic proclivities of the Federation, which publicly denies any racial prejudices.

The bulletin deals at length with the case of Boake Carter, who as we reported in the October 25 issue of *The Hour*, was not allowed to deliver an address containing remarks against intolerance and anti-Semitism. In explaining why Mr. Carter failed to address the convention, Dr. J. A. Lovell, author of the bulletin, writes:

"Mr. Rand [head of the Federation] ... took the congregation into his confidence and revealed the following facts: That Mr. Carter had been bought off, prejudiced and influenced by some rich Jews in New York and that two Jewish Bible students had actually prepared -- or helped to prepare -- the address Mr. Carter had intended giving at the Convention that night ..."

Dr. Lovell goes on to say that Mr. Carter, "disappointed because he was not able to be used as a tool for Jewry," arranged for the printing and distribution of his speech. "I have no doubt," remarks Dr. Lovell, "that the statements made by Mr. Rand are correct, and my conclusions from the matter are that Mr. Carter was warned that if he got mixed up with the Anglo-Saxon-Israel crowd that the Jews who controlled the press and the radio would put him off the air ... This shows how desperate the Jewish crowd is."

Dr. Lovell's report of the Carter incident ends on a happy note: "... Mr. Rand then secured the services of Mr. W. J. Cameron, Henry Ford's representative, to speak that night instead. He spoke that night and the spirit was never better or finer, while Mr. Carter went back to New York to hobnob with his Jewish friends."

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COUGHLIN PRAISES SUNER'S ENDORSEMENT OF NAZIS

The November 3 issue of Father Coughlin's Social Justice carries an article which enthusiastically praises Spain for its support to the Axis. The item refers specifically to a speech made on October 16 by Spain's Foreign Minister Serrano Suner, in which he declared that Europe will stand or fall with the Axis. Coughlin's comment on Suner's speech is as follows:

"Undoubtedly, there is not a country in Europe which does not second his views whether they like them or dislike them. So far, the war has gone so extremely in favor of Hitler that it would be suicide for any European nation to cast its lot in favor of Great Britain and the United States.

"The Europeans know on which side their bread is buttered. And they have been taught to weigh as wind the promises of the New Deal and the Churchill governments."

It is evident that as far as the fascist priest of Royal Oak is concerned, the word of Adolf Hitler holds greater value than that of the President of the United States, and favors from Nazi Germany are more to be sought after than any alliance with the democratic powers.

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MYSHUHA'S FRIEND

On November 9, a violinist by the name of Roman Prydatkevitch gave a recital at New York Town Hall. Prydatkevitch happens to be an intimate friend of Luke Myshuha, editor of the pro-Nazi Ukrainian language newspaper Svoboda, which on February 1 and 3, carried detailed instructions regarding the making of bombs and other explosives. Myshuha, as The Hour has previously reported, in 1939 acted as Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels' guest on a radio program in Nazi Germany.

In 1938 Prydatkevitch protested in the pages of Svoboda against Jewish musicians being employed in Ukrainian enterprises. The Musicians Union took up the case, investigated Prydatkevitch and compelled him to print an apology, which appeared in the "A.F.O.M. Local 802 Journal."

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